



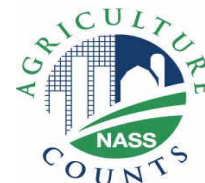
## IDAHO CROP & LIVESTOCK PRODUCERS' NEWS

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Dear Respondent:

*This issue of the Idaho Crop and Livestock Producers' News gives preliminary estimates from Idaho's 2006 Prune, Plum and Apple Inquiry surveys. Forecasted production is reported for selected states and the United States.*

*This release is sent to survey participants in appreciation for their time spent responding to the survey. For more information contact us at [nass-id@nass.usda.gov](mailto:nass-id@nass.usda.gov) or at 1-800-691-9987. Thank you for reporting and your continued support.*

Sincerely,

William R. Meyer  
Director

## Idaho Apple, Prune and Plum Production Forecast

Idaho apple production is unchanged from last year, at 70 million tons. Prune and plum production is forecast at 3,000 tons, up 1,000 tons from last year.

The nation's 2006 apple production is expected to total 9.62 billion pounds, down 2 percent from 2005 and 8 percent below 2004. The 2006 prune and plum production in Idaho, Michigan, Oregon, and Washington is forecast at 24,000 tons, up 164 percent from last year but down 4 percent from 2004.

### Fruit Production, Selected States & U.S., 2005 - 2006

State	Apples 1/		Prunes & Plums	
	2005	2006	2005	2006
	Million Pounds		Tons	
California	355	360	--	--
<b>Idaho</b>	<b>70</b>	<b>70</b>	<b>2,000</b>	<b>3,000</b>
Michigan	780	680	2,000	3,000
New York	1,040	1,100	--	--
North Carolina	130	172	--	--
Oregon	145	155	1,500	13,000
Pennsylvania	515	450	--	--
Utah	38	22	--	--
Virginia	280	260	--	--
Washington	5,800	5,600	3,600	5,000
West Virginia	87	90	--	--
<b>UNITED STATES</b>	<b>9,865</b>	<b>9,620</b>	<b>9,100</b>	<b>24,000</b>

1/ In orchards of 100 or more bearing age trees.

### A THANK YOU TO ALL IDAHO FARM AND RANCH OPERATORS

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